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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed as a part of the national stage entry of PCT application PCT/EP03/14429, which was filed on 17 December 2003, which is in turn based on German Patent Application No. DE 102 61 821.6, filed on 20 December 2002. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 20 total and 1 independent claims. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION - are reflected in the substitute specification submitted herewith in clean copy and marked-up copy versions.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT - begin on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS - none.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 7.